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Dear Sir

The Applicant, who received the International Search Report relating to the above identified International Application transmitted on October 28, 1999, hereby files amendment under Article 19(1) as in the attached sheet.

The present application was not filed within the convention year, the priority date is the international filing date, July 22, 1999, and therefore we can still file an amendment under Article 19 (1).

Claim 1 is amended and claim 2 is added.

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The applicant also files as attached herewith a brief statement explaining the amendment and indicating any impact that amendment therein might have on the description and drawings.

Very truly yours,

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(1) Amendment under Article 19(1)

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(2) Brief Statement

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